FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. M. BOSSAERT SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER

EASTER WE TOO MUST BEAR WITNESS TO

Before a battle a commander en courages his soldiers to fight bravely in order to win the victory, and in the same way Jesus encouraged His Apostles, after fortelling the troubles that they would have to underge.
"They will," He said, "put you out
of the synagogues, yes, the hour cometh that whoseever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to But He went on to tell them that, when they were strengthened by the Holy Ghost, they would make known His words and works, and fearlessly preach His religion throughout the whole world, and bear witness to Him even as the Holy

Guost bore witness. Our Lord's prophecy was fulfilled after the Apostles received the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, St. Peter spoke boldly and convinced the Jews of the divinity of Christ and of the truth of His doctrine, so that about 3,000 were converted and became Christians. Subsequently the Apostles dispersed and went into various countries, preaching the Gospel, baptizing converte, and, both by word of mouth and in writing, testifying to all that they had seen and heard during our the name of Jesus in public; they were threatened with torture and death, but nothing could deter them from bearing witness to our Lord; on the contrary, they deemed them-selves happy in suffering persecution for His Name's sake, and the more violently they were persecuted, the more steadfast did they become. Peter and John, when standing before the Council of the Jews, after being scourged, were ordered not to teach any more in the name of Jesus, but "If it be just in the they said: sight of God to hear you rather than God, judge ye." Thus they bore witness to Christ, before both Jewish

ment and death We too ought to bear witness to our belief in Jesus Christ, the true we should love Him with all our hearts. He demands this witness of all His followers, and we are no exceptions to the rule; He even society." threatens to deny us before His Father in heaven, if we do not confess Him here on earth. "Every one that shall confess Me before men, I passions and ambitions, there is only will also confess him before My One rock of safety—character."

Father Who is in heaven; but he But how is this character that shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father Who —3od. is in heaven." If, therefore, we desire our Lord to acknowledge us out Him we perish.—Catholic Sun. as His disciples at the last day, if we wish to be heirs of the kingdom of heaven, and joint heirs with Christ, we must confess Him and bear witness to Him on earth. When temptations assail us and evil passions are aroused within us, we ought to His creatures and His property, remember that "whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" does not mean to relinquish His the Commandments, he it is that we are His property; and should we loveth our Lord. In time of tempta- endeavor to free ourselves by distion say to yourself : ations and impulses, and keep guard of dhas then to declare anew His over your eyes, for through them right possession, and He does so by death often enters the soul. Show Confess Christ whenever you have opportunity to do any good work. If a poor man asks alms, harden not to give than to receive, and what you do to the lowest of mankind is regarded by God as done to Himself. Blessed are the merciful, for they not join in blaming and criticizing your neighbor, for you should not do to another what you would not wish done to yourself. Baware of all useless, angry, and impure conversa-tions, for you will have to render a laboring willingly and industriously in the name of Jesus and in a spirit of obedience to God, who created man for work and not for idleness; and he that doth the will of God is sure of the kingdom of heaven.

DUTY TO GOD

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Prayer is a duty and a necessity. It may be, nay at times it will be, a great comfort and consolation; but this is a matter concerning which we should be as indifferent as possible. It is quite natural that we should look for sweetness in our spiritual Master and it puts us in our rank of exercises; it is not wrong to wish creatures who owe Him all that they for them ; we may even pray to have them. The really important thing for us to bear in mind is the fact that the seeking for comfort and consolation must not be the primary or even the secondary motive of prayer. My bounden duty to God is my first motive; my duty to myself, my own crying need, is the second, since perseverance in prayer is necessary for my salvation. The reward I look for is not a present but a fature one. And—a most im-portant consideration—the greater the difficulty I find in my devotions, the more persistent and wearying

my distractions, the less of comfort and consolation I experience, the more trouble I take to put heart and life into formularies made familiar by long years of use—the more meritorious is my prayer, the greater honor and glory it gives to God, the more grace I am likely to receive from Him. I do not pray for my own satisfaction, but for help. My petitions are not meant to win for me sweetness, but strength; not consolation here and now, but ever-lasting happiness in Heaven.—The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament.

WORLDWIDE CRIME

No matter from what section of the wide, wide world exchanges come and tell the depressing story of in-creasing crime. Murder, burglarly, highway robbery, criminal assault, divorce—every crime in the calendar is being perpetrated and the cul-prits, too often, are "getting away with it.'

People there are who attribute the crime wave to the War. It may have had something to do with it; but there must be deeper cause. One would hardly expect such deplorable conditions to arise out of strict army discipline. As a matter of fact, laxity of parents is greatly to blame. The home is no more. It has become merely a place to eat and sleep. Boys and girle, sad to say, in the great mejority of homes are permitted to do just as they elect. The duty of parentage is forgotten. Young they had seen and heard during our Saviour's ministry. All sorts of obstacles were put in their way; they were strictly forbidden to utter the nefer of Javas in well at the street street or gather in questionable places they may do as they see fit. Even little children are uncon-trolled; they are permitted to play in the streets when naturally they should be in their beds.

The Catholic Press of Sydney, Australia, partially sizes up the

"Everything comes to the young Australian without trouble. A paternal government waits on him with free education, and, like everything else that is free, those who accept it seldom appreciate it. Every social tendency of the present day is prejudicial to the children. The neglect of home life in the big cities, the mad craze for amuse. and pagan judges, and confirmed their teaching by enduring imprison. marriage, and the absence of the consciousness of sin display a reversion to paganism, and while explaining the social evils of the day, gave Son of God, and in His doctrine, and little promise of improvement in the next generation. The world seems to call aloud for another St. Francis

Another paper, commenting on the untoward conditions says: "In all

But how is this character to be There is but one foundation -God. If we are to make asy head way we must get back to God.

THE SERVICE OF GOD

Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament

We ought to serve God, for we are and of the devil, but he that keepsth rights over us. We belong to Him, "Jesus is my obedience, which is a true robbery of Lord; I will not do what He has for God's goods, a denial of His rights, Withstand your evil inclin- we then declare war against God. chastisement. Dld He allow the that you love Christ more than sin. revolt to go unpunished, He would no longer be God.

God does nothing without an end. When He gave us a mind, a heart, your heart, and turn not away your and a will. He meant to render us eyes from him, for it is more blessed capable of knowing, loving, and serving Him. How greatly this end

bonors us. That God willed to render us cap able of loving Him, and that He shall obtain mercy." Confess Christ willed to accept our love, is the in your intercourse with others. Do grandeur of Christian grace, the most brilliant testimony of God's infinite condescension. The inferior cannot presume to love one who is above him. Love supposes or produces equality. It is on both sides. Now, God cannot consent to be our strict account of them, and man will equal, excepting by His love of conbe judged according to his words, descension. But, in truth, He wishes

Christ He loves us infinitely, and we, too, in Jesus Christ and by His merits. can love Him infinitely. Loving Him, we necessarily serve Him, for we cannot love Him without knowing Him: and that knowledge gives rise to the necessity of serving Him, for it shows Him to us as God, Our Lord and creatures who owe Him all that they

have and all that they are. Thus the necessity of serving God flows from the knowledge of what He is and from the grace to love what He gives us, as the effect springs from its natural cause. But how serve God as He deserves,

First, it is a duty of justice which obliges us to the positive law in all that it demands. This law ought to take precedence of every private will.

So, first the law of God, the

firm rock; let the first foundation of of Irish Freedom. Mr. O'Connell our religious life be the exact and says: dispense from the common law. Our obligations increase, our graces

and not omit the law. The Lord in His mercy has promretribution, but He desires to officers, non commissioned officers we should become saints. Men are multiply the forms of His love.

After having infused His love into the War.' us that we may be able to merit, He crowns it in us for the works that it the executive committee, says: 'It has therein performed.

I have, perhaps, never thought of it, but that is a poor excuse. Ignorance gives no right to insult God.

We must serve God, because it is to our interests, because we have everything to gain in His service, and the recompense will be magni-cent. Again, God's goodness shows itself here. He could have exacted of His creature absolute service without any recompense. But no, wills that His service itself should worthy of the object in view. be useful to us that, in serving Him, we labor far more for ourselves than for Him. His laws, in fact, afford us supernatural helps and at the same time the rules to accomplish them.

They elevate us and supply for our natural indigence. They render us happy in this world and in the other. Here below they put us at rest in the order and happiness that result from peace and the spiritual goods that flourish in it and after this life, they give us divine and unending joy. Surely, the service that God dem of us gives more to us than to Him self! And in spite of that, we fail to serve Him even for our own inter-We desire with all our strength to be able to abuse our liberty, and | ence. we despise God's magnificent "Lord Dunraven and his distin promises! We bestir ourselves for a guished associates now supply valu stipend, says the Imitation, and we able corroborative evidence. will not raise a foot for the kingdom | winning of freedom for Ireland is not of God. Ob, the blindness of ingrati-

love. Interested service is good, but side by side. They died side by side it is not perfection. Our God is a and were buried side by side. Their Father, let us serve Him as children surviving fellow-soldiers are pracby devotedness which takes no tically a unit in standing side by side account, which expects nothing, but for liberty and independence for the which gives itself through a need of small nation (ireland) that had the heart, in order to return love reason to believe, because of the for love. Do children demand a sacrifices of her sons, that the prinsalary for the services they render ciple of self-determination would be to their parents? Filial love wants applied to Ireland. other recompense than to love and devote itself through gratitude.

Let us then, serve God, for it is as positive, official proof that the justice. We have to repair, and the Carson efforts to arouse bigated more we have offended Him the more rigorously we ought now to observe of Irish independence, cannot truth.

in order to do henceforth for Him as up bigotry."-Catholic Union and much, at least, as we formerly did Times. for ourselves.

through love as a Father, Friend, as Our Saviour, in order to return Him a little of our love for the infinite love that He has shown us and which He still daily lavishes upon us !-Ven. P. J. Eyamrd.

THE GREAT MAJORITY WERE CATHOLICS

The refusal of the Irish people during the War, to allow the entire young manhood of the nation to be conscripted for the purpose of saving British propagandists to create the impression that Ireland did little to help the cause of the Allica be judged according to his words, and either justified or condemned. | He wants to be loved, hence He | Confess Christ in your daily work; | etoops to us. Truly, He will not suade the world that she hardly bled tear to go even to the end in that way of mercy, and becoming incornate, sending His Son to be our Brother, He became really our equal. But at the same time that in the Word He abases Himself to us, in the Humanity of the Word He raises colossal struggle bave been carefully the Humanity of the Word He raises colossal struggle bave been carefully us even to Himself, so that in Jesus hidden away in the British archives lest the world might know the truth concerning them.
"The war report of a subject nation

in an imperial war," says Captain Maloney of the British army, "is published when to publish it is useful; and is altered or suppressed, when Britain to conceal the fact that over 200,000 of the youth of Ireland fought to make the world safe for democ-It has been useful for her to racy." conceal the fact that, two years after the beginning of the War, she praised are they?' I asked a little Indian the enthusiastic enlistment of the Irish, when she gratefully acknowland what motives ought to animate edged in the words of the Daily Teleus to serve Him well? graph, of March 18, 1916: "Whatever

Church, all in her laws; and, lastly, the truth leaked out, it was useful the laws of our state. Herein is contained the testimony of the exmost of the assistance which Ireland pressed will of God. It ought to gave came from the Protestant parts take precedence of all duties of of the island. But the truth in this supererogation that we have imposed upon ourselves. matter, too, has finally leaked out, and we are indebted to an opponent Alas! under this pretext of doing of Irish independence, Lord Dun-more, how unfaithful are they who raven, for the information. The information. The Creek .- The Pilot. presume to dispense themselves from what is prescribed, and who really which ought to settle the matter forthereby violate some law! How ever, is contained in the following many sins against the simple law of letter which we have just received ustice! from Daniel O'Connell, Director of the base our sanctity on this the National Bureau of the Friends

rigorous observance of the law "Irish and English newspapers of explicity laid down and of the law of March 18th publish an official letter justice; for the religious life, while from Lord Dunraven, Hon. Colonel, subject to the counsels, does not 5th, Batt. Royal Munster Fusiliers, speaking on behalf of the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Lieutenant of bligations increase, our graces
We must keep the counsels
of omit the law.
Lord in His mercy has promLieut. Gen. Sir Bryan Mahon, and a
long list of other distinguished supSuperior of life to have a business, all
for this world. If we but did the
same in the business of our soul's ised a recompense for the fulfilment porters of English rule for Ireland. of justice. He has a right to be served for Himself without any retribution, but He desires to officers, non commissioned officers

was felt that the most appropriate Thus loved and prevented, shall place for a memorial to those who we not do for God what we would do died for the empire was in the heart for men? If I have not done it, I of the empire—London; that a am a wretch. I have preferred the memorial to those who made the devil, vanity to the service of God! great sacrifice in the fight for right egainst wrong should be on conse-crated ground, and that as the great majority of Irish soldiers were Roman Catholics, the most suitable place would be Westminster Cathedral. It was, therefore, decided to accept the kind offer of His Eminence Cardinal Bourne, to allow the memorial to ba erected in St. Patrick's chapel, and plans have been prepared to carry out the scheme there in a manner

The Friends of Irish Freedom National Bureau, has time and again pointed out that the religious issue which Carson and his followers, particularly the delegation which recently visited America to sow seeds of bigotry, have tried to raise, had no place in Irish military affairs; also that the statement emanating from Carson supporters that the South (Catholic portion) of Ireland did little if anything to win the War, whereas the North (Protestant) gave practically all the volunteers from Ireland, was false and intended to prejudice America against Irish in-dependence, because the South of Ireland so strongly favors independ-

"Lord Danraven and his distinand never has been, a religious issue. The Catholic soldier and the Pro-But we must serve God through testant soldier were able to fight

"The memorial discussed by Lord Danraven will bereafter be viewed opposition to the Catholic supporters Itis laws.

Let us serve Him through interest

fully, fairly or decently use the names of the soldier dead to bolster

STRONG FAITH OF AN INDIAN CONVERT

Joachim Bearshield (Mato Waha canka) one of the prominent Indians at the Rose Bud Agency, died recently at the age of eighty-two years, just fourteen years after having been baptised by Rev. Emil M Perrig, S. J., at St. Joseph's Church in the Black Pipe District. The Government Day School was only a few rods from his log-house; still he wanted all his children to attend the Mission School, and they did.

and St. Mary's Societies.

KNEW HIS PRAYERS

Concerning him one of the missionaries wrote: "Though he can count eighty winters, he knows his prayers by heart and can sing many of the hymns, which he thunders out, with perhaps more force than melody. After I am done with my work, I ask some of them to give exhortation and now is his turn to give Satan a bawling out. Although on account of their poverty they are not obliged to the Friday abstinence, still he would rather go all day on bread and coffee than break the law. When traveling with the priest he goes to Holy Comnecessary, for the benefit of the munion every day, nor will he go empire." It has been useful for to confession the day before but waits until immediately before Mass, STATIONS FIVE TIMES A WEEK

"One day in Lent I drove up to girl I found running around.
"Over in the church," she replied.

"He had by this time secured a church for his village. I went graph, of March 18, 1916: "Whatever the future may have in store, the British people will never forget the generous blood of the sister nation which has been shed on so many which has been shed on so many the Hail Mary, Holy Mary, Mother of God, etc. I went in. They were making the stations. When they had Decalogue; then the laws of the ain's efforts to conceal these facts, asked him how often they had

week,' he answered, and some of them had to comes miles to attend." He was industrious in his ways.

promoter of the Faith among the Indians. He was buried near St. Joseph's Church on Black Pipe

PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN VIRTUE

How carefully a mechanic learns his trade, how life long is his patient and skilful toil in exercising it. A student of science spends years among books and under profes sors that he may at last become a learned teacher. All men of character devotedly strive during the sanctification, for the deeper and deeper understanding of God's law, the practice of Christian single penny," says the 'Imitation of Christ," men will shamefully quarrel." Yet from pennies or from "Lord Kunraven, as chairman of millions they must soon be dragged away forever. Why will they not lay up "treasures in heaven" for eternal possession and for unspeakable joy, the foretaste of which makes even this life an earthly paradise? It is only when the supreme importance of the spiritual life dawns on one's mind that the follies of this world

THE REAL AND THE MYSTERIOUS

begin to sicken him.—Sentinel of the

Blessed Sacrament.

Enemies of Catholicity are fond of charging the Church with the fostering of superstition, and encouraging pious belief in mysterious occur-rences, under the plea of strengthening faith. As a matter of fact, the Church is decidedly conservative in approaching the question of miraculous happenings, and awaits to France, and we can afford to wait thorough investigation before she will give official rec gnition to what we term the miraculous. The need of such caution is repeatedly made evident. Not long ago the people of Noveant, a small village near Metz, serve thee from vanity .- Cervantes

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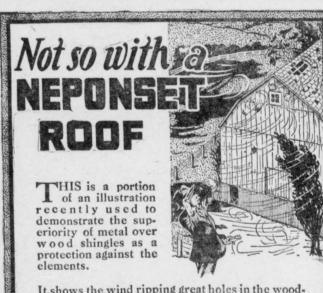
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The knowledge of thyself will pre-



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